

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1978, the President of the United States signed the Joint Resolution and the first Asian Pacific American Heritage Week was celebrated in May 1979, which in 1992 became National Asian Pacific Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month was enacted by Public Law 102-450 on October 28, 1992; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Asian Pacific Heritage Month 2008 is "*Leadership, Diversity, Harmony – Gateway to Success*"; and

WHEREAS, Asian Pacific Americans represents many ethnicities, each with their own culture, heritage, language and experience; and

WHEREAS, this diverse group of people have served as public servants, artists, educators, scientists, and explorers; and

WHEREAS Asian Pacific Americans such as Elaine L. Chao, became the first Asian American woman appointed to a President's cabinet (Secretary of Labor); Stephen Chu, won the Nobel Prize in Physics for his research in laser cooling and trapping of atoms; and Dr. Kalpana Chawla, along with other crew members of the Space Shuttle *Columbia* perished sixteen minutes prior to the scheduled landing; and

WHEREAS, in the twenty first century, Asian Pacific Americans are contributing in every aspect of leadership, diversity, and harmony;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2008, as "**ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**" in North Carolina. I urge all citizens to seek opportunities to learn more about the history of Asian Pacific Americans and to educate themselves to the many contributions Asian Pacific Americans have made to this great State and Nation.



A stylized, handwritten signature of Michael F. Easley in dark ink.
MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capital on this third day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.